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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated December 2, 2003, applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I which currently includes claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15-30. This election is made without traverse and applicants respectfully request favorable examination on the merits of the claims currently under consideration.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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